

Today is Scary Story Day

It was a cold, dark dreary night
when...



Instructions:

- Great activity once students have learned entire alphabet.
- Fun to do even if not Halloween – especially on a Friday.
- Divide class evenly by rows.
- Put the above opening phrase on the board or overhead.
- The students' task is to write a "group" scary story, switching authors approximately every two minutes until everyone in the row has had an input into the story. I carefully watch the clock, and say switch every couple of minutes.
- The last student to "author" the story must also proofread it for spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Give this student approximately four to five minutes to do this.
- Have students print the "stories" and then, as a row, they are to determine which two stories to submit.

- The following week, read the stories out loud, and then the entire class determines which story is the scariest.